

REPORTED BILL SEQUENTIALLY REFERRED

Under clause 5 of rule X, bills and reports were delivered to the Clerk for printing, and bills referred as follows:

Mr. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 1714. A bill to facilitate the use of electronic records and signatures in interstate or foreign commerce; with an amendment; referred to the Committee on Judiciary for a period ending not later than October 15, 1999, for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(k), rule x.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 2130. Referral to the Committee on the Judiciary extended for a period ending not later than October 8, 1999.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. CRAMER:

H.R. 2951. A bill to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to authorize grants to Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University in Huntsville, Alabama; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. SANFORD):

H.R. 2952. A bill to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Orchard Park Drive in Greenville, South Carolina, as the "Keith D. Oglesby Station"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. ENGLISH (for himself, Mr. TANNER, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. WICKER, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. HOSTETTLER, and Mr. FOLEY):

H.R. 2953. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for recycling or remanufacturing equipment; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ENGLISH:

H.R. 2954. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for investment necessary to revitalize communities within the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. LOWEY (for herself and Mrs. MALONEY of New York):

H.R. 2955. A bill to establish a partnership to rebuild and modernize America's school facilities; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. PALLONE (for himself, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. RUSH, Ms. DELAULO, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. PAYNE, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. STARK, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. KUCINICH, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. BERMAN, Mr.

BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. OLIVER, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mrs. CLAYTON, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. OWENS, Mr. VENTO, Mrs. LOWEY, and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California):

H.R. 2956. A bill to reauthorize the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. JEFFERSON):

H.R. 2957. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize funding to carry out certain water quality restoration projects for Lake Pontchartrain Basin, Louisiana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska:

H.R. 2958. A bill to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. YOUNG of Florida:

H.J. Res. 67. A joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. YOUNG of Florida:

H.J. Res. 68. A joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. CUNNINGHAM (for himself, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. BILBRAY, and Mr. GILCREST):

H. Con. Res. 189. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the wasteful and unsportsmanlike practice known as shark finning; to the Committee on Resources.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS TO PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 163: Mr. MICA.

H.R. 219: Mr. GOODE.

H.R. 248: Mr. COBURN.

H.R. 488: Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. LUTHER.

H.R. 534: Mr. SHERWOOD, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, and Mr. LATHAM.

H.R. 583: Mr. DELAHUNT.

H.R. 750: Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

H.R. 765: Mr. NUSSLE, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Mrs. NORTHUP.

H.R. 771: Mr. KIND.

H.R. 802: Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. FORBES, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. KING, Mr. HYDE, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. SANDLIN, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, and Mr. HUTCHINSON.

H.R. 826: Mr. PICKETT and Mrs. CHRISTENSEN.

H.R. 961: Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. BERMAN, and Mr. MICA.

H.R. 976: Mr. BONIOR and Mr. VITTER.

H.R. 1079: Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. HALL of Ohio, and Mr. GIBBONS.

H.R. 1111: Mr. TRAFICANT.

H.R. 1221: Ms. DEGETTE.

H.R. 1226: Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. GORDON, Mr. FORBES, Ms. BERKLEY, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Ms. CARSON, and Mr. SMITH of Washington.

H.R. 1271: Ms. BERKLEY.

H.R. 1272: Mr. COOKSEY.

H.R. 1305: Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. METCALF, and Mr. UNDERWOOD.

H.R. 1363: Mr. STEARNS.

H.R. 1505: Mr. WISE, Mr. GEKAS, and Mr. BILIRAKIS.

H.R. 1518: Mr. MARTINEZ.

H.R. 1546: Mr. GOODLING.

H.R. 1581: Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. DIXON.

H.R. 1636: Mr. BROWN of Ohio.

H.R. 1671: Mr. COYNE.

H.R. 1795: Mr. KILDEE, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, and Mr. ROTHMAN.

H.R. 1806: Mr. QUINN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. SANCHEZ, and Mr. DICKS.

H.R. 1820: Ms. CARSON.

H.R. 1824: Mr. PICKETT and Mr. REYES.

H.R. 1837: Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. DUNCAN, and Mr. BENTSEN.

H.R. 1838: Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. COBLE, Mr. SANFORD, and Mr. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 1998: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

H.R. 2059: Mr. BARR of Georgia.

H.R. 2128: Mr. TOOMEY.

H.R. 2266: Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. FILNER, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.

H.R. 2341: Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. OWENS, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. EVANS, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. CRANE, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. JOHN, and Mr. COOK.

H.R. 2381: Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. LARGENT, and Mr. DEAL of Georgia.

H.R. 2436: Mr. SANFORD.

H.R. 2453: Mr. ROHRBACHER.

H.R. 2511: Mr. FLETCHER and Mr. BARTON of Texas.

H.R. 2546: Mr. HALL of Texas and Mrs. CHRISTENSEN.

H.R. 2554: Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, and Mr. SAXTON.

H.R. 2573: Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 2596: Mr. PICKERING, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. ROGERS, Mrs. KELLY, and Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

H.R. 2624: Mr. CAPUANO.

H.R. 2655: Mr. SKEEN.

H.R. 2689: Mr. PAUL, Ms. DANNER, and Mr. COBURN.

H.R. 2697: Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. LARGENT, and Mr. FROST.

H.R. 2722: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. WYNN, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 2725: Mr. FROST and Mr. PASTOR.

H.R. 2726: Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. DOOLITTLE.

H.R. 2728: Mr. ENGLISH.

H.R. 2736: Mr. SANDERS, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. COYNE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. BECERRA, Ms. BERKELEY, and Ms. KAPTUR.

H.R. 2768: Mr. DIXON and Mr. GORDON.

H.R. 2771: Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. McNULTY, and Mrs. MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 2774: Mr. WEINER.

H.R. 2813: Ms. CARSON, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, and Mr. CUMMINGS.

H.R. 2814: Mr. GARY MILLER of California and Mr. FARR of California.

H.R. 2817: Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, and Mr. ETHERIDGE.

H.R. 2865: Mr. BROWN of Ohio and Mr. McDERMOTT.

H.R. 2870: Mr. OWENS, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. LARSON, and Mr. GILMAN.

H.R. 2877: Mr. BERMAN.

H.R. 2882: Mr. COSTELLO.

H.R. 2890: Mr. OLVER and Mr. McDERMOTT.

H.R. 2899: Mr. McGOVERN.

H.R. 2901: Mr. SOUDER.

H.R. 2916: Mrs. LOWEY and Ms. CARSON.

H.R. 2917: Ms. CARSON.

H.R. 2924: Mrs. ROUKEMA.

H.R. 2926: Mr. DEMINT.

H.R. 2942: Mr. CHAMBLISS and Mr. BEREUTER.

H.J. Res. 16: Mr. TOOMEY.

H.J. Res. 48: Mr. CANNON and Mr. MANZULLO.

H.J. Res. 55: Mr. DOOLITTLE.

H.J. Res. 65: Mr. GEJDENSON, Ms. DANNER, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. LANTOS, and Mr. HYDE.

H. Con. Res. 140: Ms. MCKINNEY.

H. Con. Res. 186: Mr. BURR of North Carolina and Mr. GOODE.

H. Res. 41: Mr. PHELPS and Mr. STEARNS.

H. Res. 115: Mr. COYNE.

H. Res. 146: Ms. SANCHEZ.

H. Res. 163: Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. FROST, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. LEE, Ms. BERKLEY, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mrs. THURMAN, and Ms. SLAUGHTER.

H. Res. 269: Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. PASTOR, and Mr. LEWIS of California.

H. Res. 280: Mr. BEREUTER.

H. Res. 292: Mr. WAXMAN.

H. Res. 297: Mr. CAMP, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. WU, and Mr. GILCHREST.

H. Res. 298: Mr. HUNTER, Mr. WU, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. WELLER, Mr. PHELPS, and Mr. OLVER.

H. Res. 303: Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. BASS, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. GOODE, Mr. HAYES, Mr. FLETCHER, Mr. REGULA, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mrs. EMERSON, and Mr. TOOMEY.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 8 of rule XVIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 2506

OFFERED BY: MRS. JOHNSON OF CONNECTICUT

AMENDMENT No. 18: At the end of the bill, add the following new section:

SEC. 4. PROGRAM OF PAYMENTS TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS THAT OPERATE GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

Part D of title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following subpart:

“Subpart IX—Support of Graduate Medical Education Programs in Children’s Hospitals

“SEC. 340E. PROGRAM OF PAYMENTS TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS THAT OPERATE GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

“(a) PAYMENTS.—The Secretary shall make two payments under this section to each children’s hospital for each of fiscal years 2000 and 2001, one for the direct expenses and the other for indirect expenses associated with operating approved graduate medical residency training programs.

“(b) AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the amounts payable under this section to a children’s hospital for an approved graduate medical residency training program for a fiscal year are each of the following amounts:

“(A) DIRECT EXPENSE AMOUNT.—The amount determined under subsection (c) for direct expenses associated with operating approved graduate medical residency training programs.

“(B) INDIRECT EXPENSE AMOUNT.—The amount determined under subsection (d) for indirect expenses associated with the treatment of more severely ill patients and the additional costs relating to teaching residents in such programs.

“(2) CAPPED AMOUNT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The total of the payments made to children’s hospitals under paragraph (1)(A) or paragraph (1)(B) in a fiscal year shall not exceed the funds appropriated under paragraph (1) or (2), respectively, of subsection (f) for such payments for that fiscal year.

“(B) PRO RATA REDUCTIONS OF PAYMENTS FOR DIRECT EXPENSES.—If the Secretary determines that the amount of funds appropriated under subsection (f)(1) for a fiscal year is insufficient to provide the total amount of payments otherwise due for such periods under paragraph (1)(A), the Secretary shall reduce the amounts so payable on a pro rata basis to reflect such shortfall.

“(c) AMOUNT OF PAYMENT FOR DIRECT GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount determined under this subsection for payments to a children’s hospital for direct graduate expenses relating to approved graduate medical residency training programs for a fiscal year is equal to the product of—

“(A) the updated per resident amount for direct graduate medical education, as determined under paragraph (2); and

“(B) the average number of full-time equivalent residents in the hospital’s graduate approved medical residency training programs (as determined under section 1886(h)(4) of the Social Security Act during the fiscal year.

“(2) UPDATED PER RESIDENT AMOUNT FOR DIRECT GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION.—The updated per resident amount for direct graduate medical education for a hospital for a fiscal year is an amount determined as follows:

“(A) DETERMINATION OF HOSPITAL SINGLE PER RESIDENT AMOUNT.—The Secretary shall compute for each hospital operating an approved graduate medical education program (regardless of whether or not it is a children’s hospital) a single per resident amount equal to the average (weighted by number of full-time equivalent residents) of the primary care per resident amount and the non-primary care per resident amount computed under section 1886(h)(2) of the Social Security Act for cost reporting periods ending during fiscal year 1997.

“(B) DETERMINATION OF WAGE AND NON-WAGE-RELATED PROPORTION OF THE SINGLE PER RESIDENT AMOUNT.—The Secretary shall estimate the average proportion of the single per resident amounts computed under subparagraph (A) that is attributable to wages and wage-related costs.

“(C) STANDARDIZING PER RESIDENT AMOUNTS.—The Secretary shall establish a standardized per resident amount for each such hospital—

“(i) by dividing the single per resident amount computed under subparagraph (A) into a wage-related portion and a non-wage-

related portion by applying the proportion determined under subparagraph (B);

“(ii) by dividing the wage-related portion by the factor applied under section 1886(d)(3)(E) of the Social Security Act for discharges occurring during fiscal year 1999 for the hospital’s area; and

“(iii) by adding the non-wage-related portion to the amount computed under clause (ii).

“(D) DETERMINATION OF NATIONAL AVERAGE.—The Secretary shall compute a national average per resident amount equal to the average of the standardized per resident amounts computed under subparagraph (C) for such hospitals, with the amount for each hospital weighted by the average number of full-time equivalent residents at such hospital.

“(E) APPLICATION TO INDIVIDUAL HOSPITALS.—The Secretary shall compute for each such hospital that is a children’s hospital a per resident amount—

“(i) by dividing the national average per resident amount computed under subparagraph (D) into a wage-related portion and a non-wage-related portion by applying the proportion determined under subparagraph (B);

“(ii) by multiplying the wage-related portion by the factor described in subparagraph (C)(ii) for the hospital’s area; and

“(iii) by adding the non-wage-related portion to the amount computed under clause (ii).

“(F) UPDATING RATE.—The Secretary shall update such per resident amount for each such children’s hospital by the estimated percentage increase in the consumer price index for all urban consumers during the period beginning October 1997 and ending with the midpoint of the hospital’s cost reporting period that begins during fiscal year 2000.

“(d) AMOUNT OF PAYMENT FOR INDIRECT MEDICAL EDUCATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount determined under this subsection for payments to a children’s hospital for indirect expenses associated with the treatment of more severely ill patients and the additional costs related to the teaching of residents for a fiscal year is equal to an amount determined appropriate by the Secretary.

“(2) FACTORS.—In determining the amount under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

“(A) take into account variations in case mix among children’s hospitals and the number of full-time equivalent residents in the hospitals’ approved graduate medical residency training programs; and

“(B) assure that the aggregate of the payments for indirect expenses associated with the treatment of more severely ill patients and the additional costs related to the teaching of residents under this section in a fiscal year are equal to the amount appropriated for such expenses for the fiscal year involved under subsection (f)(2).

“(e) MAKING OF PAYMENTS.—

“(1) INTERIM PAYMENTS.—The Secretary shall determine, before the beginning of each fiscal year involved for which payments may be made for a hospital under this section, the amounts of the payments for direct graduate medical education and indirect medical education for such fiscal year and shall (subject to paragraph (2)) make the payments of such amounts in 26 equal interim installments during such period.

“(2) WITHHOLDING.—The Secretary shall withhold up to 25 percent from each interim installment for direct graduate medical education paid under paragraph (1).

“(3) RECONCILIATION.—At the end of each fiscal year for which payments may be made